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SUBJECT: ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE OECD STANDARD CODES  
FOR THE OFFICIAL TESTING OF AGRICULTURAL TRACTORS,  
SEPTEMBER 23-24, 1975 AND REQUEST FOR ASSESSMENT OF  
POTENTIAL TRADE IMPACT OF CODES

REFS: (A) OECD DOCUMENT AGR/T(75)5, 7 AUG. 1975, (B)  
TEL OECD PARIS 12009, 17 MAY 1974 (SIC), (C) TOFAS 15,  
12 SEPT. 1974 (SIC), (D) AIRGRAM STATE A-9335, 23 DEC.  
1974, (E) 18 OFF JOUR EUROPEAN COMM C134, 85-113, 16  
JUNE 1975.

1. SUMMARY: OVER 250 TEST RESULTS PURSUANT TO 1973  
CODES SUBMITTED. PROPOSALS TO REVISE CODES IN DAA/T/  
1259 AND 1264 NOT ADOPTED. CONSIDERATION OF U.S.  
PROPOSAL FOR STATIC TESTING POSTPONED. SINCE 1973  
CODES ARE NOW OBVIOUSLY FUNCTIONAL, MISSION REQUESTS  
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ASSESSMENT OF THEIR POTENTIAL TRADE IMPACT WELL BEFORE

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 11-13, 1976.

2. MEETING ATTENDED BY ALL EUROPEAN OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES, EXCEPT GREECE, ICELAND, AND LUXEMBOURG, AND BY U.S. AND, PART-TIME, JAPAN.

3. DRAFT AGENDA (REF A) ADOPTED. M. B. CUNNEY (IRELAND) ELECTED CHAIRMAN, DELEGATES OF GERMANY, ITALY AND U.K. (NOT NAMED INDIVIDUALS) ELECTED VICE CHAIRMEN. AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, DENMARK, FRANCE, NETHERLANDS, SWEDEN, AND YUGOSLAVIA ELECTED TO ADVISORY GROUP WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT COORDINATING CENTRE, US, FAO AND EC WOULD ALSO BE INVITED.

4. REGARDING REPORT ON 1974 ANNUAL MEETING, IT WAS NOTED THAT ALL MATTERS IN SUMMARY RECORD, AGR/T(74)4, HAD BEEN DEALT WITH OR CARRIED FORWARD. ACTUALLY, HOWEVER, THE 1974 MEETING HAD AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO THE COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE THAT IN THE EVENT THAT THE COUNCIL ASKED IT TO STUDY THE QUESTION, THE COUNCIL SHOULD BE INVITED TO ALLOW AN EXTENSION OF THE PERIOD OVER WHICH SAFETY FRAME TESTS UNDER THE 1970 CODE COULD BE ACCEPTED, UNTIL THE END OF 1975 AT THE LATEST. ACTION ON THAT WAS THWARTED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S INSISTENCE AT ITS JUNE 7, 1974 MEETING THAT EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1973 CODES WAS DATE OF COUNCIL DECISION, OCTOBER 9, 1973 (CE/M(74)11 (PROV.)).

5. REPORTS DAA/T/1265 AND 1266 WERE SUBMITTED, THE FORMER SUMMARIZING TRACTOR TESTS UNDER THE OECD CODES, 1967 TO SEPTEMBER 1975, THE LATTER LISTING SAFETY CABS APPROVED UNDER THE 1973 CODE.

DESPITE EARLIER ASSERTIONS ABOUT THE UNWORKABILITY OF THE 1973 OECD STANDARD CODE FOR THE OFFICIAL TESTING OF SAFETY CABS AND FRAMES MOUNTED ON AGRICULTURAL TRACTORS (REFS B AND C). DAA/T/1266 LISTS OVER 250 TEST APPROVALS UNDER THAT CODE. NEVERTHELESS TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES IN APPLYING THE CODE WERE NOTED. SECRETARIAT REMINDED DELEGATES THAT THE OLD CODE NO LONGER EXISTS.

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THUS ONE DIFFICULTY IS THAT OF SUPPLEMENTARY TESTS UNDER THE 1973 CODE WHERE THE ORIGINAL TESTING WAS DONE UNDER THE 1970 CODE.

REVISIONS OF CODE PROPOSED IN DAA/T/1259 FOR LARGE TRACTORS AND IN DAA/T/1264 FOR SMALL TRACTORS WERE VETOED BY DENMARK, NORWAY, AND FINLAND. IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SAFETY CAB TEST,

THE MOMENT OF INERTIA WILL HAVE TO BE MEASURED. THIS PROBLEM IS EXPLORED IN A NOTE SUBMITTED BY THE GERMAN DELEGATION (DAA/T/1261).

6. THE U.S. PROPOSAL TO THE INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ORGANIZATION FOR THE STATIC TESTING OF SAFETY CABS AND FRAMES WAS DISTRIBUTED TO DELS AS DAA/T/1263 AND

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IT WAS AGREED THAT FURTHER WORK ON THIS SUBJECT, INCLUDING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DYNAMIC AND STATIC TESTING WAS OF HIGH PRIORITY. THUS SUBSTANTIVE CONSIDERATION WAS POSTPONED. DENMARK AND FINLAND, IN PARTICULAR, WERE INTERESTED IN THE STATIC TEST. DENMARK WANTS TO SUBMIT IT TO THE EC.

7. THE DRAFT REVISED STANDARD TESTING PROCEDURE FOR FERTILIZER DISTRIBUTORS (DAA/T/1021 (2ND REV.) WAS BRIEFLY CONSIDERED; AGREEMENT TO REVISE IT FURTHER.

8. ON TRACTOR SPECIFICATION, DAA/T/1226, COUNTRIES WERE ASKED TO SUBMIT TO THE SECRETARIAT A LIST OF ITEMS TO BE DELETED FROM THE SPECIFICATIONS OF THE PRESENT CODE. THE SECRETARIAT WOULD PREPARE AN AMENDMENT TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THESE.

9. NOISE TESTING TO BE RECONSIDERED AT NEXT MEETING. A PROPOSAL TO AMEND CODE TO ALLOW NOISE MEASUREMENT TO UNCLASSIFIED

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BE OMITTED IN THE CASE OF FRAMES WITHOUT CLADDING FITTED ON TRACTORS NO LONGER IN PRODUCTION (DAA/T/1262).

10. REGARDING BRAKE TESTING THERE WAS A BRIEF REFERENCE TO DAA/T/1134, JUNE 1, 1972.

11. SMOKE TESTING TO BE KEPT UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW AS PERTINENT LEGISLATION ELSEWHERE WAS NOT SUFFICIENTLY ADVANCED TO ALLOW AMENDMENT OF THE CODE (DAA/T/1204).

12. ON USE OF SYSTEME INTERNATIONAL (SI) UNITS IN TEST REPORTS, AGREEMENT THAT THESE UNITS ALREADY ALLOWED UNDER THE CODE AS AN OPTIONAL ADDITION SHOULD BE GIVEN FIRST FOLLOWED BY THE REQUIRED UNIT IN BRACKETS.

13. AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANCE TO THE PROPOSAL FOR THE MEASUREMENT OF TIRE TREAD IN THE DRAWBAR TESTS (DAA/T/1260), BUT ACCEPTANCE OF SECRETARIAT'S ADVICE THAT THIS PROPOSAL SHOULD NOT NOW GO BEFORE COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE ALONE BUT WAIT UNTIL ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS WILL BE READY FOR SUBMISSION.

14. NEXT ANNUAL MEETING, MAY 11-13, 1976.

15. COMMENTS: (A) FRANK WALTERS, US INDUSTRY ADVISER, TOLD US DEL THAT SEVERAL DELEGATES WANT A MEETING OF THE STUDY GROUP ON ROLLOVER PROTECTION STRUCTURES (ROP5) OR OF THE ADVISORY GROUP IN US TO OBSERVE TEST FIXTURES.

(B) THROUGHOUT THE MEETING, THE DELEGATES SEEMED EXCEEDINGLY TEST-HAPPY WITHOUT WORRYING MUCH ABOUT THE APPLICATION OF TEST RESULTS.

(C) WHEN THE PROPOSALS TO REVISE THE CODE FOR TESTING SAFETY CABS AND FRAMES WERE DISCUSSED, THE DANISH DELEGATION, WHICH LED THE OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED REVISIONS, REPEATEDLY REFERRED TO THE EC PROPOSAL FOR ROP5 (REF E). INDEED THE VETO OF THE DANES, NORWEGIANS

AND FINNS MAY HAVE TO BE ATTRIBUTED TO PREOCCUPATION  
WITH NATIONAL LEGISLATION. DENMARK, E.G. REVISED ITS  
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REGULATIONS IN AUGUST PROVIDING FOR SMALL TRACTOR

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TESTING IN PART UNDER THE PRESENT CODE AND IN PART UNDER  
THE OBSOLETE ONE. THUS IT CONSIDERS THE 1973 CODE  
SACROSANCT WITHOUT REALIZING THAT THE 1970 CODE HAS NO  
MORE INTERNATIONAL VALIDITY.

(D) DESPITE IMPERFECTIONS, THE 1973 OECD TRACTOR CODES  
ARE OBVIOUSLY FUNCTIONAL EVEN WITHOUT AMENDMENTS. THUS  
MISSION AGAIN RAISES THE QUESTION, FIRST RAISED IN

REFTEL B, WHETHER THE PRESENT STANDARD CODES FOR TRACTORS WEIGHING 5 TONS OR MORE, WHICH ARE STRICTER THAN THOSE OF US MANUFACTURERS, COULD NOT DEVELOP INTO NTB'S AGAINST THE IMPORTATION OF US TRACTORS INTO OTHER OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES AND OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH IN THE FUTURE MAY ADHERE TO THESE STANDARD CODES. USG AT THE END OF 1974 SET UP PROCEDURE TO ASSESS TRADE IMPACT OF SUCH STANDARDS (SEE REFTTEL D). SINCE THEN, USG DEVELOPED ADDITIONAL EXPERTISE WITH ROP5 BY ISSUING REGULATIONS IN THIS FIELD; SEE 40 FED. REG. (81) 18254-18268, APRIL 25, 1975; 29 C.F.R. 1928.  
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16. ACTION REQUESTED: ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL TRADE IMPACT ON US EXPORTS OF LARGE TRACTORS OF OECD TRACTOR CODES. (ALL OECD DOCUMENTS MENTIONED ABOVE ARE BEING AIRPOUCHED TO LIEN.)  
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